

PAIN-RACKED MANSFIELD ACTS AGAIN HEROIC SCENES FROM HIS GREAT PLAYS

Sarasota Lake, N. Y., August 16.—If, walking through the heart of the old North woods, you should hear a pleading cry, agonized, prolonged, now lifting, now falling, but echoing through the leafy glades as if it had been wrested from some heart racked by keenest anguish; if you should hear a maniacal, horrible, strange-pitched, godless laugh, or if you should hear a voice raised in bawling oratory, and after all these the low wail of a man convulsed with weeping, then you may know that you are close to the little cottage where Richard Mansfield, actor, poet, painter, artist, is wasting away.

He is falling in body and mind. Famous men from Montreal, from New York, hastening to relieve him, who has been perhaps the premier American actor, are afraid that he has passed beyond their help. His years of intense artistic effort have robbed him of his mental and physical strength; he lies like a child and weeps at the sight of his oft-worn costumes.

His Only Joy.

Yet these costumes seem to be his only joy. He will have his valet fetch them and hold them before him. He will raise himself from his bed and recite long passages from his great plays, "Richard III," "Beau Brummel," "The Partisan Romance," "Nero," "Henry V" and "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde."

Between paroxysms he is brutish again, or Beaucat, or Shylock, or Rodion the student, or gloomy Napoleon, or swashbuckling Cyrano. And when his strength fails him, he falls back and weeps afresh.

Mansfield has been failing for the past few years. Always of a nervous and often irritable disposition he has been unable to bear up under his vast repertory, his incessant travel, and his constant study and planning for seasons to come. Members of his companies have complained bitterly of his increasing irritation. Just before the close of his last season, an attack forced him to cancel engagements, and after a rather protracted illness he went abroad in search of rest and health. But his vacation has apparently proved of no avail, and now he has come back to his cottage in the deep woods.

Will Never Act Again.

The physicians are convinced that he will never act again. "He may take his choice," they say. "He may survive this attack and undertake another season, but he will be a dead man before it closes."

Mansfield is now 50 years old. He was born in Heligoland, the son of an English army officer. His mother was a famous singer, under the stage name of Madame Rudersdorf. The boy went to Derby school in England, and it was here, while acting Shylock in an amateur performance of the Merchant of Venice, that he attracted the attention of the venerable Bishop of Litchfield, who said to him: "Heaven forbid that I should suggest that you become an actor; but should you, if I mistake not, you would be a great one."

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Territorial Topics

Mrs. Monica Garcia de Ortiz, wife of Sancho Ortiz, died Wednesday from a fever with which she was stricken while nursing her sister ten days ago. She resided at Santa Fe.

William H. Graham, aged 6 years, fell into a deep well at his home at Deming, N. M., Wednesday and was found fifteen minutes later dead, his neck having been broken by the fall.

There have been several good rains in the region of Blackrock, N. M., since the first of August. The range grass is plentiful and the water supply is now abundant. The sheep of the Zuni Indians grazing about there are in fine condition.

At the urgent request of a number of the residents of Placita, Arizona, who sent a petition to the sheriff's office for his arrest on the ground that he had threatened the lives of a number of people, a warrant was issued for the arrest of John Koenig, charging him with insanity.

Lu's Salazar, who was caught in possession of a horse taken from the San Bernardino ranch near Douglas, Arizona, and belonging to C. O. Chenoweth, was arrested today for theft and will be held in jail until the meeting of the grand jury some time in November, having been bound over after a preliminary examination.

Isaac Conklin is dead at Colmar, near Springer, N. M., as a result of a runaway accident. In getting into his buggy to drive to the postoffice, Conklin caught his foot between the axle and the bed of the vehicle. The horse bolted and Conklin was dragged half a mile before he was rescued.

The reported epidemic of peculiar nature in Wickenburg, six miles from Phoenix, Arizona, proves to be scarlet fever, brought there from a nearby camp. There have been several deaths in Wickenburg recently, but physicians say they resulted from other causes, though several children are ill of scarlet fever in a severe form.

Thomas V. McShane, who was for some time foreman at the Eureka mine, near Globe, Arizona, was drowned in the Gila river, according to information received by the secretary of the Globe miners' union. McShane went to Cananea about six weeks ago and from there to Casa Grande. He leaves a wife and several children, who live four miles from Globe, at Miami Flat.

One of the largest mining deals that has been made in Cochise county, Arizona, in a number of years, is being consummated in the Dos Cabazas mining district, whereby the Mascot Copper Co. is securing an option on all of the larger group of claims in that district, already having secured some fifty odd claims and the amount involved reaching over \$1,000,000.

After leading an alleged dual life in Gila valley for nearly 30 years, respected and enjoying the full confidence of his fellow men, and accumulating a handsome competence by

thrift and hard knocks, word has been received in Safford, Arizona, to the effect that Harry Clifford is now serving a term in the penitentiary in Indiana, to which state he removed about four months ago with his family and settled near the scenes of his boyhood.

Charging his brother, Howard Jordan, with the theft of a bicycle, an army Colt's pistol and a safety razor, Harold Jordan caused a warrant to be issued in Justice Ben Rice's court at Douglas, Arizona, for the erring brother's arrest, alleging petit larceny. Should he be arrested it is likely that another boy, Walter Saunders, will become embroiled in the trouble as he is alleged to be a bad one and is said to have left town with the Jordan boy. Before disappearing from Douglas about 7 o'clock Wednesday morning, one of the boys engaged for ten minutes a bicycle from Fulwiler's shop. Harold Jordan's bicycle also disappeared and with it his army gun and razor, as he alleges.

Did it rain little fishes from the clouds or not, is the question, the solution of which is puzzling some of the good people of Snowflake, according to our usually reliable contemporary, the Holbrook, Ariz., Argus. On Saturday afternoon, at the conclusion of a hard shower, Mrs. A. S. Fish, who is operator in charge of the government telegraph office, "hello girl" and postmistress at that place, was greatly astonished, on looking out of her office window, to see several small fish wiggling around on the bare ground, and at some considerable distance from a running stream of water. To make doubly sure that they were real fish, Mrs. Fish went out and picked up five of the little fellows which were apparently unhurt.

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